

# ABSTRACT

A mammalian gene encoding a tolloid-like protein distinct from human or murine BMP-1/mTld is presented. The gene is similar in structure to members of the BMP-1 family of genes, but maps to a distinct location and encodes a distinct protein. The protein encoded by the gene can be used to screen putative therapeutic agents in an ongoing effort to inhibit activity of the BMP-1 family of genes to prevent scarring, fibrosis, and the like.